

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to change "a higher gas barrier property" to "a gas barrier property" and to correct informalities. No new matter is added.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Patterson in the June 17, 2008 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

I. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Office Action rejects claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Komada. However, Komada does not disclose every limitation of independent claim 1. Therefore, Applicants traverse this rejection.

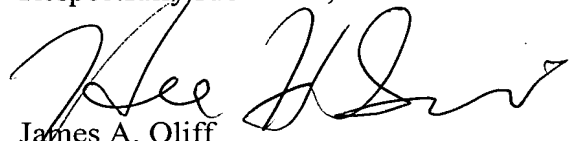
Independent claim 1 recites, in part, "the layers constituting said coating, respectively, ... *each* hav[ing] a refractive index in a range of 1.3 to 1.6." However, Komada does not disclose at least this limitation. At most, Komada discloses in claim 14 and paragraphs [0020], [0078] and [0085] that the silicon oxide film has a refractive index of 1.45 to 1.48. However, Komada is silent as to the refractive index of, for instance, the film comprising hexamethyldisiloxane. Therefore, Komada does not disclose at least the limitation of "the layers constituting said coatings, respectively, ... *each* hav[ing] a refractive index in a range of 1.3 to 1.6," as recited by independent claim 1. Therefore, Komada does not anticipate independent claim 1 and the claims dependent therefrom. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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